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SUBJECT DISSENSION AMONG MILITARY OFFICERS
CONCERNING PREPONDERANCE OF SOUTHERN
GENERALS AND LACK OF THOROUGH REFORMS

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1. (SUMMARY. [REDACTED] FRICTION HAD DEVELOPED BETWEEN GENERAL OFFICERS OF SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL VIETNAMESE ORIGIN. IN ADDITION, JUNIOR OFFICERS WERE DISSATISFIED WITH THE COUP LEADERS AND DESIRED MORE THOROUGH REVOLUTION. SOME JUNIOR OFFICERS WERE DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF STAGING ANOTHER COUP IN THE EVENT THAT THE GENERALS ACTED AGAINST THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY.)

2. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

A. NGHIEM, MAJOR GENERALS TON THAT DINH AND NGUYEN NGOC LE

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AND BRIGADIER GENERAL DO MAU, ALL FROM CENTRAL VIETNAM, ARE VERY APPREHENSIVE OVER DOMINATION OF THE MILITARY BY SOUTHERNERS.

B. SOUTHERNERS ON THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF INCLUDE DUONG VAN MINH, TRAN VAN MINH, TRAN VAN DON, TRAN THIEN KHIEM, NGUYEN KHANH, NGUYEN VAN LA, TRAN NGOC TAM, MAI HUU XUAN, LE VAN KIM, NGUYEN GIAC NGO, DO CAO TRI, AND VAN THANH CAO. THREE OF THE FOUR GENERALS PROMOTED AFTER THE COUP ARE SOUTHERNERS.

C. MORE SIGNIFICANT HAS BEEN THE SPLIT BETWEEN THE OLDER AND YOUNGER OFFICERS. THE GENERALS ARE FRENCH-ORIENTED AND TEND TO BE SELF-SATISFIED WHILE THE YOUNGER OFFICERS ARE AMERICAN-TRAINED AND ARE MORE IDEALISTIC, NATIONALISTIC, AND CONCERNED OVER THE FUTURE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. THE YOUNGER OFFICERS DESIRE A THOROUGH REVOLUTION AND REFORMS AND ARE RELUCTANT TO SETTLE FOR A MERE CHANGE OF REGIME. ONE OF THE NEW GENERALS, NGUYEN HUU CO, IS IDENTIFIED WITH THE YOUNGER OFFICERS.

D. THE JUNIOR OFFICERS ARE DISTURBED OVER THE POWER WIELDED BY GENERAL DINH AS MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY AND BRIGADIER GENERAL MAI HUU XUAN AS DIRECTOR OF GENERAL OF NATIONAL POLICE. THEY ARE ALSO UNHAPPY OVER THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT DIEM, FOR WHOM MANY RETAIN HIGH REGARD.

E. EACH GENERAL IS BEING KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY ONE OR MORE OFFICERS ON HIS STAFF, GENERALLY A LIEUTENANT COLONEL. IF

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THE JUNIOR OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT THE GENERALS ARE SEEKING TO MAINTAIN THEMSELVES IN POWER OR ARE WORKING AGAINST WHAT THEY CONSIDER THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY, THEY ARE PREPARED TO STAGE ANOTHER COUP, ASSASSINATING SOME OF THE GENERALS, IF NECESSARY.

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